Mudavappara todu.

199. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) With reference to the Mudavappara *todu* in the Tiruvallam *pakuti*, Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amounts spent towards its maintenance in 1104 and in 1105 as also the amounts sanctioned therefor; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the cross bars constructed this year are unsatisfactory?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The maintenance grant for the *todu* is Rs. 300 per annum. An expenditure of Rs. 348 was incurred in 1104 and of Rs. 286 up to the end of Mithunam 1105.

(*b*) No.

Improvement of certain traces in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

200. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the two adjacent traces, one leading from Mudavappara to Narimamood and the other from Tumbottukonam to Erutvamala, in the Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that these traces are now (2-12-1105) left in a neglected condition by the P. W. D. and that there is a large public demand for the improvement of these traces?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): These traces are not under the maintenance of the P. W. D.

The Government have received a petition from the inhabitants of Pallichal and certain other *pakuties* of the Neyyattinkara taluk praying for the improvement and maintenance of the traces and they have informed the petitioners that, if they would surrender, free of cost, the strips of land on the margins of the traces necessary to make a width of 22 feet throughout and do the necessary earth work, the roads will be taken over for regular departmental maintenance.

Road from Peyad to Vellanad.

201. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the road from Peyad to Vellanad is completed; and

(*b*) if not, the cause of the delay in completing the same?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The work in the section for which sanction has been accorded is in progress and will be completed by the end of this year

(*b*) The delay was due to the delay in the acquisition of land.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know how much land has been acquired?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not now avilabale with me.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether any land has been acquired?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No. Steps are being taken to acquire the required lands.

Action on motion re grant of full right over teak trees on private lands.

202. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to give effect to the motion passed in the Legislative Council in regard to the surrender, to the landholders, of the entire right over teak trees standing on private holdings?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A committee was appointed by the Government to go into the question and submit a report. The report of the committee has been received and is under the consideration of the Government.

Permits for motor vehicles.

203. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of applications for permits for motor vehicles received in the office of the Commissioner of Police during the 12 months ending the 31st Mithunam 1105;

(*b*) the number of permits issued within one month from the date of application; and

(*c*) the number of applications for permits pending for more than one month on the 31st Mithunam 1105?

(2) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that there is delay in obtaining permits for motor vehicles, and

(*b*) if so, the steps they have taken in the matter?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(1) (*a*) 1362.

(*b*) 858.

(*c*) 118.

(2) (*a*) and (*b*) The Commissioner brought to the notice of the Government the rush of applications for permits and the inability of the staff to cope with the work. Five additional clerks were therefore sanctioned temporarily from the 24th Edavam 1105 till the close of the year, and provision has been made in the Budget for 1106 for the continuance of two out of the above five clerks. The Commissioner says that the entertainment of these clerks has minimised the delay in the matter of issuing permits.

Latin Christians in the Education Department.

204. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of new appointments made in the Education Department during the period from 1100 to 1105; and

(*b*) the number of Latin Christians appointed in the Department within that period and their names?

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